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Time-sharing May Return To Xavier

by GARY TAPHORN

Computer time-sharing, a campus service that was eliminated in December, 1970, may soon return to Xavier. Last Friday, the university's Computer Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Niehaus, Director of the Computer Center, met to consider three different proposals, all of which would revive time-sharing as a campus reality. The committee gave its first preference to a proposal that would upgrade the university's present IBM 360 computer and consider the later acquisition of an IBM 370 computer, more suited for time-sharing.

Time-sharing is a computer concept that enables a number of persons, each using a different terminal, to make use of a computer simultaneously. In October, 1969, Xavier obtained a time-sharing computer, a General Electric 430 model, on a lease-buy basis. That is, the university was to lease the computer for four years, at the end of which it would become owner of the computer. The contract with G.E. provided for cancellation of the agreement if Xavier should at any time be unable to make its regular monthly payments.

The 430 system contained a total of 30 terminals, of which 20 were leased by the university to a Detroit-based company, Applied Computer Time Sharing (ACTS). Because ACTS ran up surplus time on its computer in Detroit, it later decided to terminate its contract with Xavier.

This forced the university to consider one of three possible alternatives. First, it could absorb the resulting financial losses on the 430 itself; secondly, it could market the available terminals to another commercial vendor, which involved legal difficulties; lastly,

it could return the 430 system to General Electric, which it eventually did.

According to Niehaus, time-sharing not only served as an administrative tool, but also was of great assistance to students, both in the classroom and for outside assignments. It further provided the Xavier community with a great deal of exposure to computers in general.

Those departments that have previously made use of Computer Center services include Biology, Chemistry, Education, History, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology. Niehaus characterized the return of the 430 to G.E. as "a very great loss for the academic side of campus."

The university has recently been investigating various ways to bolster its computer power and to return time-sharing to campus. One such suggestion was Niehaus' proposal to upgrade the university's IBM 360 computer to enable it to handle time-sharing and possibly to lease an IBM 370 next summer to replace the IBM 360. Another proposal was put forth by Mr. Austin Towle and Dr. Frederick Werner of the Physics Department, which involved Xavier's employing the time-sharing facilities of Dartmouth College. A third suggestion was the purchase of time from

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Xavier Loses Pfaffinger

by PAT TENHUNDFELD

Xavier University will soon lose an enthusiastic and valuable executive, Mr. John A. Pfaffinger. Pfaffinger, who has been Business Manager here at Xavier for nearly 14 years, has accepted a position at Loyola University of Los Angeles, California. There he will be the Vice-President of Business Affairs, a job which he says will give him control over some financial areas which he is not directly responsible for here at Xavier. He described this new position as being similar to that held by Mr. Beumer, Xavier's Vice-President for Business and Finance.



Mr. John A. Pfaffinger

The duties of a business manager are many, and they cover a wide range of activities. Among these are: the administration of the current operations budget, non-faculty personnel management, negotiation of contracts, direction of food services, purchasing, vending, safety and security, the Bookstore, and the Post Office. In short, the main job of a business manager is to administer the university budget. Committee work and the faculty insurance benefits are also important aspects of the job. Pfaffinger emphasized that each particular activity or area has its own supervisor, who reports to the business manager.

Pfaffinger described the financial situation of Xavier as having an optimistic future. He gave credit for this to the good faculty and then to the workable physical plant at Xavier. He believes that a good future is in store for Xavier.

When asked the reason for his resignation, Pfaffinger replied that he is "interested in accepting a position with additional responsibility." He claims that he has had a very pleasant association with Xavier and has been given many opportunities to develop his skills. He said that he has been adequately recognized and is "leaving fulfilled."

As yet no replacement has been named for Pfaffinger.

Games Room Manager, Bob Gunn, Retires

by JOHN LECHLEITER

Mr. Robert Gunn, manager of the Games Room for nearly six years, announced his retirement last week. Gunn stated that he was no longer physically able to do the work required for proper management and, hence, felt the need to retire.

With the exception of its first year, Gunn has managed the Games Room continuously and has been largely responsible for its expansion to meet the needs of Xavier students. Initially, the Games Room housed only pool tables; presently, it includes pool, shuffleboard, pinball machines, nearly three dozen games which may be played free of charge, and a large selection of snack items.

The Games Room hours have been expanded and it now remains open until 1 a.m. every night. Gunn, before his retire-

ment, had planned to install several ping-pong tables and also to convert the Hearth Room into a rathskeller.

The purpose of the Games Room, as seen by Gunn, is to render service to Xavier students. Consequently, the staff is composed entirely of students, prices are kept at a minimum, and bridge and pool tournaments are sponsored throughout the year. Although pool remains the prime attraction, Gunn noted that many students congregate in the Games Room to play cards or simply to talk to friends.

Whatever the case, anyone familiar with the Games Room knows of Gunn and his concern for Xavier students, and realizes that Gunn's retirement represents the loss of an outstanding individual from the Xavier community.

Task Force Reviews General Fee

by MIKE MADGES

A university task force to study the present General Fee structure has been established under Mr. Patrick Nally, Dean of Students. This task force, unlike most university committees, will be working on a particular problem with a specified target date. It was announced last week that December 6 will be their deadline.

The purpose of the task force is to review not only the present general fee structure but also to propose recommendations and

alternatives which would insure maximum utilization of available general fee revenue.

Nally explained that the task force would study the general fee in regard to three specific points of reference. The three points warranting study include: 1) the present situation concerning the fee; 2) the construction of an ideal budget for allocating the general fee's revenue; and 3) the specific recommendations that could be made by the task force at this time.

Nally clarified the overall purpose of the task force by maintaining that their interest is not only the present situation concerning the general fee and the specific monetary items involved but the possibility of deciding upon alternate ways of allocating funds for student activities and services. Nally stated that the possibility of certain inequities in the general fee's present structure make such a task force necessary.

Actions of the task force to date have centered upon providing workable definitions or characterizations of the following terms: administrative activity, student activity, and student service. Such workable formulations are intended to assist the task force in determining precisely what items

should necessarily be included in the general fee.

Certain suggestions have also been mentioned and will likely be included in the considerations of this task force. The question of allocating a definite budget to Student Government is one key issue. Other areas for discussion include the possibility of creating a Budget Review Board which would receive a lump sum of the general fee and allocate it among various student organizations. A third issue for discussion concerns the fact that the general fee accounts at present for 75% of the cost of general administrative overhead and 75% of the principal and interest on the University Center building.

Mr. Roderick Shearer, Vice-President of Student Affairs, explained that this task force resulted from questions by student leaders concerning the allocation of the general fee. He specifically stated that Mr. Mark Thiron, former Student Government President, initially made such inquiries and that Mr. James Crowley, present Student Government President, has also approached him in this matter. Such student initiative assisted in the formation of the task force and the fact that six of the nine members are students will insure student representation in all recommendations and decisions.

Senate, Agent Dispute Over Contract

by TOM SCHEVE

The Student Senate is currently engaged in a contractual dispute with Roger Abrahamson and his promotion company "The Friend" regarding the Leon Russell concert of October 15. According to the contract Abrahamson had agreed to pay the Senate \$2500 for the use of the Fieldhouse and various promotional work which the Senate would provide.

To this date, the Student Senate has not received payment from Abrahamson. He is asking, according to Mr. Raymond Guye, Assistant Dean of Students for Co-curricular Activities, that the Senate

accept a reduced fee due to four issues: 1) that the Senate lost 42 tickets, 2) that he (Abrahamson) was forced to hire union help after the concert to do work which the Senate was supposed to provide, 3) that the Senate failed to do adequate promotional work for the concert, 4) and that since he had taken a loss on the concert, the Senate could not reasonably expect the payment of the full amount.

On the first two points Ray Guye has indicated that if Abrahamson supplies adequate documentation for those claims (which he has yet failed to do)

the Senate would be willing to accept a sum less than the amount originally agreed to.

Jim Crowley, President of the Student Senate, has indicated that he strongly disagrees with the last two claims and that he will refuse any reduction to the agreed upon amount on the basis of those two claims.

The situation at present is in a state of flux, with the Senate awaiting correspondence from Abrahamson to verify his claims. If the situation is not resolved within the next two weeks, the Senate has indicated that they will be forced to consider further action.

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a commercial vendor, in much the same way that Xavier leased time to ACTS off its GE 430.

Fr. Robert Mulligan, S.J., Provost, had commissioned Towle and Werner to investigate the feasibility of associating with Dartmouth. Towle sent his recommendations to Mulligan in a 100-page proposal that strongly advocated such a course of action. Far from considering his proposal too ambitious, Towle defended his position as that of a practical realist. He further predicted that an affiliation with Dartmouth would make Xavier "a regional source for high-quality time-sharing."

According to Towle, thorough, long-term studies have shown that "The Dartmouth College approach to academic time-sharing is a most highly-recommended model for other educational institutions to emulate." This is especially true on a regional basis, for which grant seeking is most likely to be successful. Towle believes that "Xavier can well do this now because no other academic institution in the Cincinnati region presently has realistic prospects of on-campus time-sharing that can reasonably be made into something even approaching the Dartmouth quality

in the foreseeable future. Xavier can do something different, and very much better."

Towle cited the fact that Dartmouth President John Kemeny and his computer center staff have pledged their willingness for "total coordination" in time-sharing with Xavier. Dartmouth has offered a one-year grant of \$24,000 to enable Xavier to begin using Dartmouth time-sharing on an interim basis. During this period, asserts Towle, Xavier should plan for the acquisition of its own on-campus time-sharing computer "that would run all the Dartmouth time-sharing software, which is judged best for academic use at Xavier." Dartmouth has also expressed its willingness to send faculty and students to help start and sustain a time-sharing system at Xavier.

Towle also pointed out many other advantages of the Dartmouth proposal. First, Xavier would have unlimited access to Dartmouth's time-sharing program library. Close academic cooperation with Dartmouth can be initiated, which, according to Towle, "can do nothing but lift the overall quality of Xavier in a way otherwise impractical."

Another advantage is the fact Xavier has something Dartmouth

sorely lacks — a metropolitan population of over one million. Dartmouth is eager to collaborate with Xavier in applying time-sharing to a wide range of urban problems. This would lead to joint grant proposals for project support.

The greatest criticism of Towle's proposal, which is backed by many members of the Physics Department, is its cost. According to Niehaus, the proposed association with Dartmouth would run the university approximately \$50,000 a year more than the Computer Center's recommendation to update its own equipment. And whether the University Board of Trustees, with its recent penchant for financial stringency, would endorse such a proposal is questionable.

There are also advantages to the Computer Center's proposal. First, there is the less expensive and more realistic cost of its expansion. In addition, the university would not be making such a long-range commitment which might or might not pay off. Also, an upgraded 360 system would allow a computer user to write a program during time-sharing hours and have it run, if he wishes, during batch-processing hours.

The other proposal before the Computer Committee, the purchase of time from a commercial vendor, appears to be the least feasible at this time. Not only is it the most expensive of the three recommendations, but its adoption would oblige students to have all their programs run after five o'clock in the afternoon.

In its meeting last Friday, the Computer Committee determined its preference for the upgraded 360 proposal over that of Towle and Werner.

The committee's list of preferences will now be sent to Mulligan, together with the proposals themselves. The fate of computer time-sharing at Xavier now rests with Mulligan and the Board of Trustees.

The Student Directory is compiled annually by undergraduates working under the direction of the Dean of Students.

Fr. O'Brien Points Out Recruitment Problems

by JEFF ROTH

Fr. Edward O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President on recruiting, discussed Xavier's recruitment problems before the Faculty Committee last Wednesday. O'Brien described the situation at Xavier as serious though he emphasized that it is not hopeless. According to O'Brien, in recent years the number of male undergraduate students has decreased significantly; moreover, present difficulties in recruiting students will continue and will probably get worse in the foreseeable future.


O'Brien suggested several reasons for these problems in recruiting. He noted first that as the peak of the post-war birth group passes, the total number of persons of college age will decrease. An even more serious cause of recent troubles, according to O'Brien, is the current disenchantment with college education among youth, to whom other more certain and direct means of increasing one's income level are available. O'Brien also cited the downward trend in economics as a cause of a general decrease in the number of students interested in attending college. Yet, he noted that in one respect Xavier benefits as much as it suffers from this tight money market. He explained that the financial bind forces local students, who can't afford to pay room and board at an out-of-town school, to remain in the area and to attend a local school, possibly Xavier, while out-of-town students, because of the contracting economy, cannot afford to pay room and board at Xavier.

O'Brien further described those causes of recruiting difficulties which are peculiar to Xavier. Because Xavier is a small, private institution, it is especially susceptible to the problems created by a tight economy. Thus, according to O'Brien, the resulting rise in costs is causing students to attend public institutions where education is far less expensive. Finally, O'Brien commented on the increased competition among colleges in the diminishing market of potential students. As a result of its small size, O'Brien stated that Xavier is finding it hard to hold its own among the many, larger colleges.


O'Brien is cautiously optimistic that Xavier will be able to cope with these various conditions and the resulting recruiting problems. The recruiting staff under O'Brien has been increased to a total of six men; and according to O'Brien, he and his staff are implementing the newest ideas in marketing students. O'Brien emphasized that the most unique part of Xavier's recruiting policy is the invaluable amount of volunteer help given by students, parents, and alumni. Finally, he stated that Xavier's greatest selling point for the prospective student is the university itself, a small coeducational, private school, oriented toward liberal arts, with quality Jesuit, Catholic education.

With all of this going for him, O'Brien is hopeful that he will be able to perform the difficult, but not impossible, task of recruiting 700 freshmen for Xavier next year.


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Departmental Review: Physics

Forward-looking Attitude And Past Success Encourage Research

by DENNY NIXON

The 1971 Nobel Prize for Physics went to Professor Dennis Gabor, a Hungarian-born British scientist, for his work in holography (lenseless three-dimensional photography with the use of laser beams). His studies could lead to 3-D television and could be of immense help in medical diagnosis. Xavier's Assistant Professor of Physics Terrence Toepker became interested in this exciting new field several years ago. As a result of Toepker's experimentation, physics students at Xavier are able to work with holography during their lab periods while other universities must rely solely on scientific journals for instruction in this new field.

This forward-looking attitude is no stranger to Xavier's Physics Department. For over 100 years, Xavier physicists have played an important role in the international scientific community.

As far back as 1841, a book by J.B. Stallo, a Xavier professor, greatly affected the thoughts of Mach, who in turn had a profound influence on Einstein.

Boris Podolsky, past Professor of Theoretical Physics at Xavier, is well-known for the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Effect in modern physics. His book on Electrodynamics was published post-humously and promises to be a classic in its field.

V.C. Stechschulte, S.J., is given credit in seismology texts for having invented the method of determining significant information concerning deep-focus earthquakes.

A week-long international conference on quantum mechanics, held here in 1962, was attended by several Nobel Prize Laureates and many other leaders in this field. Nobelist P.A.M. Dirac's talk at the conference was subsequently published in *Scientific American*.

Their past successes encourage further research and Xavier's seven full-time physicists are doing just that. Toepker's work with holography has already been mentioned. Fr. James O'Brien, S.J., is currently doing research on the computer to find a correlation between earthquakes and the relative position of the earth and moon.

Fr. E.A. Bradley, S.J., is direc-

tor of Xavier's Seismological Observatory located at Milford which studies earthquakes and tremors like those created by the recent Amchitka Island atomic bomb test. He participated as a scientist in an Antarctic Expedition for 14 months during the International Geophysical Year. Many of his photos of this region have been used by *National Geographic*.

Dr. Frederick Werner, Professor of Physics, was awarded the coveted Alfred Sloan Research Fellow. Niels Bohr, the father of atomic physics, invited Dr. Werner to his Institute for Theoretical Physics in Copenhagen. Werner's publications include those on Superheavy Nuclei with Professor Wheeler of Princeton who together with Bohr worked out the original theory of nuclear fission.

John Hart, former Chairman of the Department, has published about 30 articles in professional journals. He has given programs on both educational and commercial television and has been a visiting lecturer at many universities and conferences.

The research of Dr. R.E. Miller, present Chairman of the Department, has been primarily concerned with the temporal pulsations in the auroral producing electron and proton fluxes. This work included participation in the NASA Airborne Expedition into the arctic regions during January and February of 1968. For the past several years Miller has also been concerned with research in atomic and molecular spectroscopy, physical optics, and biophysics.

Research, considered to be a luxury by many in these difficult economic times, is being cut back at many universities and businesses. Miller, however, insists on the necessity of research in the field of physics and explains how it can continue at financially-troubled Xavier. "Outside funding has really saved our research programs," he said. "In the six years since I've been keeping records, we've received over \$200,000 in grants from such organizations as NASA and the National Science Foundation."

One result of this research has been the continual acquisition of top-flight scientific equipment at

little or no cost to Xavier. When equipment was too expensive to be purchased, it was made in the Physics Department's own machine shop. An optical pump designed and built at Xavier was no good that the University of California asked for complete plans in order to duplicate the equipment at their physics department.

Miller pointed out an interesting fact about the physics laboratory equipment: "At most universities, this equipment would be accessible to only professors and graduate students; however, because we are so small and the teachers and students know each other so well, the equipment can be used by everyone with no fear of damage or misuse."

Joe Enzweiler and Paul Klaene, two senior Physics majors, agreed that this was a great help in their studies. "Teachers and students all know each other well and we work together with really excellent equipment." In addition, they explained that Frederick A. Hauck, Cincinnati philanthropist, makes funds available to the Physics Department for research work to be carried out by undergraduate Physics majors. Several publications in accredited journals have been authored by Xavier undergraduates under Hauck's program.

The student-teacher ration in the physics department makes students from other disciplines justifiably envious. With only 30 Physics majors, enrollment in the upper-division courses is understandably low and often does not reach the financial 'break-even' point. Miller admits that even with considerable outside funding, his department does run a slight deficit. He insists, however, that "we must be concerned with the quality, not the quantity of the majors we graduate." He looked ahead to the possibility of increased endowments to ease the university's present financial troubles. Hart, chairman until last year, remembers well disagreements over the enforcement of the university's austerity program.

Although Physics majors are generally satisfied with their course offerings, some non-Physics majors have expressed dissatisfaction over the courses open to them. Mathematics, the language of theoretical physics, is the stumbling block for many students who otherwise would be interested in the practical problems of physics. Toepker suggests "a one-hour lecture, three-hour lab course with the emphasis on contemporary problems in physics." Hart, in a recent *Xavier News* faculty column, expressed his interest in courses dealing with the philosophy of science and the history of scientific thought. Miller, in a report entitled "Unification of the Sciences" spoke of the "emerging super-discipline" and pointed to the need for an increased general knowledge of science in the Xavier student to enable him to function intelligently in today's highly scientific world.

O'Brien commented that "In the past, we've been geared towards training new physicists - but I think we've been talking to ourselves too long." To many, the need for expansion of science in the liberal arts curriculum is clear; whether the financial realities of the situation will permit this growth is uncertain.

(Next week: the Psychology Department.)

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Letters To The Editor

Maturity?

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the residents of Kuhlman and Husman halls. They have not only come to this university for an education, but also to learn the fine art of long distance communication through open space and water projection.

The young men of these halls have developed tremendous lung capacity and are capable of being heard from the extreme of Kuhlman to the extreme of Husman. Another marvel is their fantastic use of such a limited vocabulary. The young ladies do well in this area also; but they have developed the skill of water projection much more keenly. It must take a great deal of courage to stand in a darkened room six stories up and drop water on an unsuspecting passerby.

Finally, I applaud your maturity, what finer undertaking could you possibly pursue? Carry on in your wonderful task.

Daniel R. Schloemer '72

Lack Of Interest

Editor:

This letter intends to explain to the student body why there were no Commuter Council elections this year. Advertisements for Commuter Council and Freshmen Elections were posted at the same time. Both were advertised in the same manner with exactly the same coverage. Five Presidential ticket petitions and three representative petitions were handed in by freshmen. Only one petition was handed in by a commuter. When the deadline for election petitions had expired, recruiting was attempted but failed. At this time it was decided not to hold Commuter Council elections. The election, although not held, was advertised in the *Xavier News*. Lack of interest cancelled the Commuter Council elections.

Sean Hill
Elections Chairman

Editorial

The Initial Step

University students, especially those in private institutions, are complaining more and more about the fact that they are paying more for their education and receiving less. Constant references by university administrators to the financial distress of the institution do not make sense to students who find themselves annually paying more money for instruction and fees than the year before. One year tuition rates increase; another year finds residence hall fees and the general activity fee notably higher.

Xavier student reaction, at least from certain Student Government leaders, has assisted in establishing the present task force on the general fee. We applaud Mr. Roderick Shearer's decision to set up such a task force; we encourage the task force under Mr. Patrick Nally's direction to investigate thoroughly the general fee's structure and propose meaningful recommendations and alternatives. In addition, we request them to publicize their findings in a manner that will inform the students of the priorities involved in the allocation of the fee and explain the complexity involved in the management of the fee's allocation.

—MJM

Public Affirmation

Editor:

We, the undersigned faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, wish to publicly affirm our high esteem for the work of our colleague, Mr. Otto Kvapil, as Director of the Xavier University Players.

(Signed)

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Inanity

Editor:

The other day I stopped by XU to eat lunch and pick up a book for one of my corrections courses. While eating in the Grill, I became aware of a startling advance in sophistication on the part of the Muskies. I wondered whether the coming of women to the campus was the cause of this progress. I am enough of a male chauvinist pig, however, to realize that a woman can have no affect on a Muskie, other than sexually. The emergence of fraternities and their manly initiation rites must be the fruition of the Muskies' innate character. Congratulations! You have grown from the apathy of '67 to the inanity of the present.

Darryl W. Domonkos '67

Man Versus The Auto

Editor:

How can people approach the problem of drunken driving? One can write letters and lobby for much stricter laws so that anyone caught driving while drunk loses his license permanently. One can also try to internalize a value system which eliminates or restricts the use of drugs for any purpose other than as medicine.

There is a larger problem than the problem of drunken driving. Why must persons be subjected to the demands of the automobile and its concomitant roads, lights, sidewalks, and so on? "Almost everyone would agree with the simple statement that most Americans want to own an automobile. Yet the statement is also false, for it does not examine the basis of that desire. We might say that most Americans want automobiles because society provides no other form of transportation, or because we have created cities from which a car is the only escape, or because a car is one of the few instruments which give a man a sense of power, freedom, privacy, or autonomy in a civilization which is diminishing such opportunities." (The quotation is from Richard Goodwin in the June *Atlantic*.) Can't we imagine alternatives? Can't we implement a decent mass transit system? Can't we build cities that meet man's human needs? Can't we develop relations that grant personal power, freedom, privacy, and autonomy?

To those who propose a bridge over Victory Parkway, I still ask for a deeper perception of the true problem. A university should be a true living-learning community. To some degree it should show an alternative to current society. Therefore, the campus should show that the automobile must bend to man and not vice versa. If anything, Victory Parkway should be buried or diverted and the campus united for a better environment.

Joseph C. Merling

Poor Planning

Editor:

The audacity with which the Xavier Student Council misrepresented and foolishly portrayed the mature character of the Homecoming Dance at the Brookwood Country Club and Swim Club leaves little to the imagination as to the intelligence and foresight of the officers of the Homecoming Committee. Lack of preparation, anticipation, organization, and a sincere concern for the welfare of their fellow students, reflects extremely adversely on the level of maturity of all Xavier students.

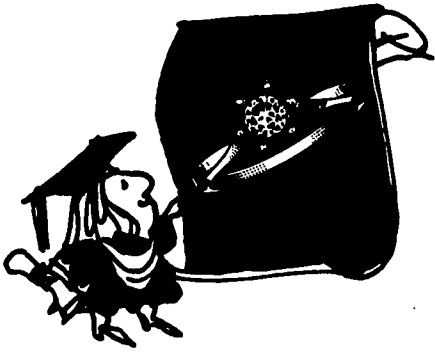
Specifically, the individual problems that occurred throughout the evening were a direct result of shortsightedness and poor planning. The total disregard the Homecoming Committee displayed for the student body is a covert undermining of each student's maturity and intelligence. The directions to the country club, if followed verbatim, led one in the exact opposite direction of the dance, allowing for an unscheduled tour of the wet Kentucky countryside, a not-too-healthy pastime on a cold, dark, rainy October night! When finally arriving at the country club, one found that the parking facilities were virtually non-existent and required backing up on an ill-lit, winding, hilly, and slippery road, jammed with innocent, still-on-coming victims, to park "somewhere" on its muddy, grassy shoulders up to one-half mile away. The party room itself was a seething mass of hot and sweaty humanity. Apparently no thought was given to sufficient ventilation — not to mention probable deafness, from the otherwise excellent band. Little things, such as ashtrays, or even courtesy snacks on the tables, would have been nice. (How much in excess of the cost did the Committee make?) Though the atmosphere of the affair was carnival like, credit should go to the students and their dates who took advantage of their poolside locations and, instead of waiting till their sweat glands came pouring forth, took a premature bath; and, to the excitement, disbelief, and encouragement of their likewise wilted but less exuberant fellow students, provided a free acrobatic sideshow.

It's only human that one remembers the good times. How disappointing, though, that this good time could have been so much better! Where was the sincere concern for each individual — and the careful, organized planning for the total project? Where was the well-rounded, 100% effort by all? It wasn't here this time, but it must be there next time — and every time! . . . or, is this just typical of all Xavier functions? Let's not let it be!

Patrick M. Klein

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Mystic Nonsense

Last week, for the first time ever, Xavier University was host to a genuine Eastern Mystic, the internationally-known Mahatma Syru Rhandi. At the request of the Xavier University Philosophy Club, Mahatma conducted a brief lesson in the use of transcendental meditation. After the session was over, Mahatma, deeply interested in our Western Culture, asked me to show him our campus.

While we were strolling down the mall, I asked the revered Mystic if he thought Eastern and Western Religions could ever officially unite.

"Why, of course," he told me. "In fact, the more I read your Sacred Scriptures, specifically the Gospels, the more I realize the deep affinity existing between our Worlds. Now just between you and

me, Greg, I personally wouldn't want to destroy the impression you Westerners seem to have of us; I mean, it wouldn't be that great for my business if you grew less infatuated with our Religious Beliefs. But I have to admit, your Jesus Christ is a beautiful example, even for us Easterners, of the self-denying ascetic; and, what's more, his Commandments of Love, so overpowering, are literally unequalled in our own tradition."

"Wow, that is really good to hear."

"Oh, Mahatma," I said as we came to the south end of the campus mall, "here is the Schott Building. This is the residence for the professed members of the Society of Jesus who teach at Xavier. Would you like to see the Jesuit residence?"

"I must say," Mahatma noticed while sizing up the impressive edifice, "this Society of Jesus has — how you say? — evolved a little since the days of Jesus. This is quite a residence."

"Actually, Mahatma, it's not as extravagant as it might appear. You should understand that they had to put up for years with some very bad accommodations; and, after all, being oriented to teaching, they need conditions which are more conducive to the academic life."

Just then, three of the new Jesuit automobiles drove past us. Mahatma, eyeing the cars as they drove into the garage, remarked, "As you said: *conducive*."

"Well, now hold on a minute, Mahatma," I attempted to explain. "This is 1971. Not everyone can be Jesus Christ and run around in the desert and fast for forty days. Anyway, all their possessions are owned by the community. And even, if you were to sum up all the community's wealth, and then divide it by the number of members in the Society of Jesus, you would see that each member

has a financial status not much better than that of an average middle class consumer."

"Oh, that's right; I had forgotten what Jesus Christ replied to the young man in the Gospels: If you wish to follow me, be a middle class consumer."

"Oh, come on now. You can't take the Scriptures literally. You can't really give up *everything* and follow Christ. Jesus Himself knows we're only human."

"Well, I'll have to concede that," Mahatma reflected. "I admit I haven't as yet come to that part of the Gospels where Jesus excuses everyone on account of their being just human."

"Now I didn't say *that*. What I meant was that a Christian doesn't have to be poor *in fact*; one can just as legitimately be poor *in spirit*. See, a follower of Christ can own as much as he wants, but if he doesn't really own, then he is just as poor as any of those disciples, or even Christ Himself."

"Oh, well, forgive me, Greg; I wasn't aware of this, new insight. Tell me, when you find it difficult to love *in fact*, do you also, then, just love *in spirit*?"

"Well, something like that," I hesitated.

"But that would seem to make havoc of your whole faith. I mean, do you now realize what effect your ten commandments have: Thou shalt not kill, in spirit; Thou shalt not commit adultery, in spirit...."

"Look here, Guru," I interrupted, becoming really irritated, "if you can't accommodate yourself to a few modern interpretations, how do you ever expect us to get on with the eccumenical movement? What is going to become of the Great Conciliation between East and West?"

"I really don't know," confessed Mahatma.

ROOMS AVAILABLE

The residence halls at Xavier have a number of rooms available.

Students, faculty and administration wishing to sponsor conferences, workshops or any activity that would involve out-of-town people may want to use these facilities.

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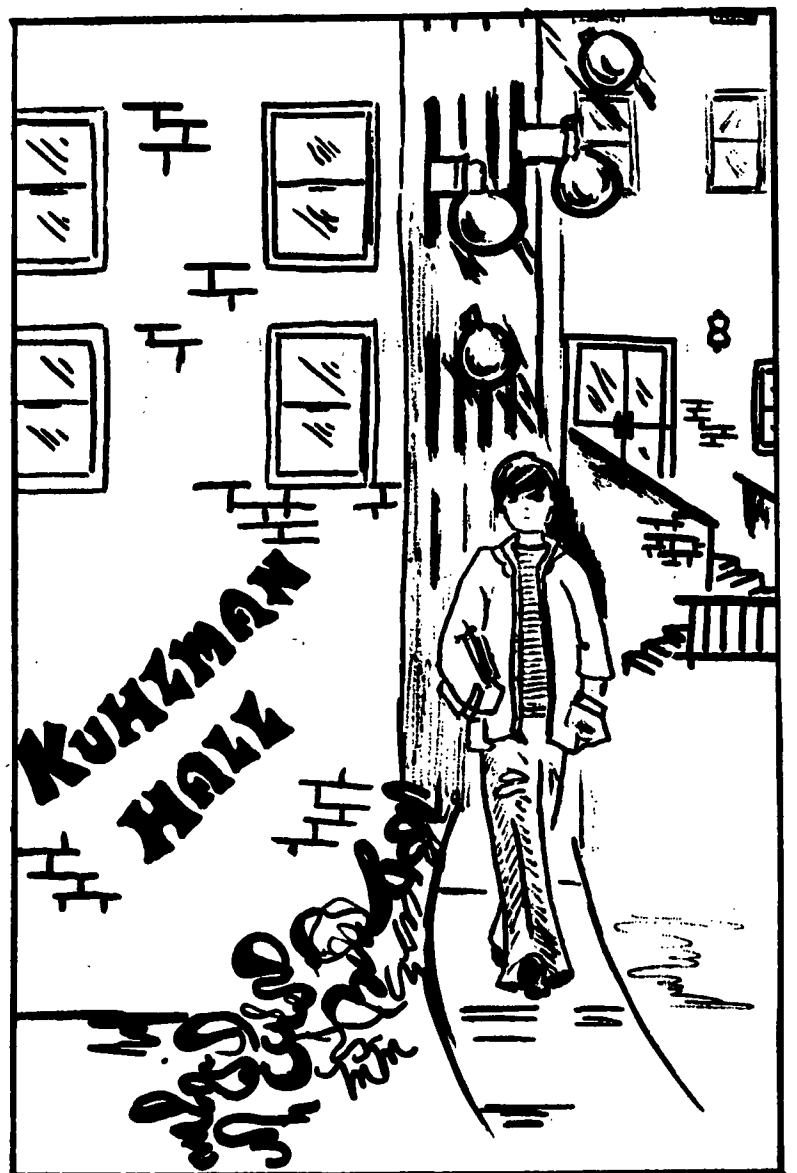
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The Great Equalizer

For the last six or so years there has been talk of changing the academic calendar. Several changes had been proposed during this time. The most popular change discussed was that of moving the starting date for classes up to the last part of August or the first part of September. This would allow for completion of the semester before Christmas break.

At first glance this appears to be a very good idea. The hang-over (tests) after the party (Christmas break) is something nobody really likes to live with. And to be able to get the jump on those summer jobs is something to think about. However, it doesn't appear that the change will take place this year although the final approval from Fr. Mulligan, Provost, has not yet been made.

Last Spring the idea was presented to Mulligan for consideration by the Faculty Committee. Fr. Wheeler, Associate Registrar, has been working on the feasibility of just such an Academic Calendar. It would move the whole schedule ahead to get the first semester out of the way before Christmas, and the second semester would subsequently start and finish sooner.

So what are the drawbacks to such a change?

There seem to be two major ones.

First of all, Xavier University among other things, is in the business of providing an education to those who seek one. The emphasis here is on the word 'business'. A substantial amount of the university's income is derived from the Graduate School (approximately 3100 graduate students). Seventy to seventy-

five per-cent of these students are in education. This accounts for a large number of the enrollment and many of these students are teaching while attending graduate school. Raymond F. McCoy, Dean of the Graduate School, felt that to ask the students to begin their own graduate courses at the same time they begin teaching is, or can be, a burden. For anyone who has ever taught, the first few weeks of breaking the kids in are the roughest for a teacher.

Secondly, in order to stay in business a university has to offer the students something which other schools don't. Xavier University's Graduate School starts approximately two weeks after the Cincinnati Public School System opens. Xavier has enjoyed the reputation in many circles of providing quality education, relative ease in registration, courses the students want when they want them, and many other assets. These are the university's drawing cards. McCoy feels that with the university's deficit being what it is, a major change in the academic schedule might hurt Xavier's drawing power.

It seems to be the feeling of various other administrators with whom I have spoken that unless there is some sound financial reason for a change in the academic calendar, no change should take place this year.

What if the graduate and undergraduate schools split? The undergraduate school could start early and the graduate school could remain on their present schedule. This was ruled out on account of the rather complex crossovers between day and evening classes, graduate students taking undergraduate requirements,

faculty teaching crossovers, salaries. Both schools would have to maintain the same schedule.

On the brighter side Wheeler has presented some rather interesting thoughts on the matter of change. His proposal basically suggests a 14-week semester as opposed to the present 15 weeks. The first semester would begin after Labor Day and end just before Christmas, thus eliminating the "Rump Session" after Christmas. Like the first semester, the second semester would be 14 weeks long.

It was pointed out that among today's colleges and universities, fewer than half are still on the late semester system. The trend definitely seems to be in the direction of the early semester system. By remaining on our present system Xavier University could run into inter-institutional problems.

The decision hasn't been made yet, but it looks like Christmas without those books or getting the jump on that summer money aren't things we can look forward to. The culprit, in part, seems to be the great equalizer, Money.

Pre-Law Clinic To Meet Here

The St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society of Xavier University is sponsoring its third annual Pre-Law Clinic on Saturday, November 13. Registration for the program will begin at noon in the foyer of Alter Hall. The program will begin at 1:15 p.m. and will consist of four forty-five minute sessions led by the law school deans or their representatives.

The following law schools will be represented: Catholic University, Salmon P. Chase, Loyola University (Chicago), Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, Marquette University, University of Kentucky, St. Louis University, and the University of Cincinnati.

This is an excellent opportunity for pre-law students to meet with law school representatives. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Expert On Drugs To Speak Here

by JANET DIEBOLD

Mr. Ernest "Bud" Williams, noted for his extensive work and experiences with deviant youth and drug addicts, has been scheduled by the Student Affairs Office and Student Government to appear at Xavier on Wednesday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Grill.

Williams' professional credentials include teaching and counseling in an experimental high school for deviant behavior students. He is currently engaged in research in the area of drug abuse and narcotics with the Los Angeles Police Department. He is also working with heroin addicts as a

group therapy leader at the California Federal Prison.

More impressive than these credits, however, is Williams' own personal background. As a child and student in San Pedro, California he lived and worked in an environment quite similar to that of his own students and clients. Because he has lived among, and understands, the problems of those he works with, he is trusted and accepted.

Williams will give but a brief introduction of himself and a presentation of his work in order to allow ample time for student questions and discussion.

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**Crumbs**

Husman Hall residents lost their intervisitation rights last week. The Director of Housing and resident hall staff deserve credit for their brave decision which probably saved the intervisitation program for other resident students. It seems about time that members of Husman stop crying and learn to impose some maturity upon themselves and encourage their fellow residents to act responsibly.

Life has not been kind to many small market owners in urban America. The fate of a Greek owner in a large midwestern city is a typical example. The owner, whose surname was Costaskoupparis, had big picture windows in front of his business until some rowdies smashed them and also carried off some green bills. He replaced the windows (at a \$1000 cost) only to have them broken again. He replaced the windows with cinder blocks but once again the thieves returned, breaking down the front door. Costaskoupparis thought he

solved his problem by mounting metal screens across the door. But alas, the thieves returned. They disregarded the blocked-up windows, the screened-in doors. This time they tore down his back wall. In utter frustration Costaskoupparis stated that he misses his old windows, mostly because he's been held up times by robbers who are now safe from the prying eyes of passersby.

The Association for Computing Machinery will present Dr. Matthew Kabrisky of the Wright Patterson A.F.B. Institute of Technology. He will give a talk entitled "Behavioral and Cybernetic Models of Human Sensory Systems," at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the Terrace Room, 2nd floor of the University Center. All students and faculty members are invited. There is no charge.

One weary pre-med student was heard to comment last week. "Morning is the measure of the sleep you didn't get last night."

See the Academy Award winning "Women in Love" and enjoy a free beer or coke and discussion in the Grill afterwards. The cost is only \$1, Thursday, November 11, at 8 p.m. The film will also be shown Saturday, November 13, at 8 p.m.

Students are requested to report any violence on campus to Campus Security. They should make their reports to the University Center desk at night and to Mr. Ed Turner, Chief of Security, during the day. Turner's office is located on the first floor of Alumni Hall.

The Philosophy Club will present the second part of Albert Camus' *The Rebel* this Sunday, November 14, in the Hearth Room of the University Center Building, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Gregory Boehm, 891-6859.

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Swimmers Begin Second Year; Place 7th, Two Make Finals

by JACK PETRE

Xavier University's Coed Swimming Team finished seventh out of 17 competing schools in the Ohio State Championship at Ohio Wesleyan this past weekend. The team lost sixth place by only three points; and two swimmers, Kathy Keating and Kathy Lukens, qualified for the finals.

Kathy Keating placed first in

the 50- and 100-yard breast-stroke events with times of 34.5 seconds and 1:14.8 minutes, respectively. Kathy Lukens also qualified for the finals in the free-style contest by covering 50 yards in 27.6 seconds for third place.

The Swimming Team, only in its second year, had its beginning

when Kathy Keating made a suggestion to Mary Lou Gist, Dean of Women. Gist bought the idea, and in October, 1970, Darryl Weisenhahn was chosen to coach the first team of 13 girls. Kathy Keating and Cindy Makin soon became the outstanding swimmers on the team, with Mary Hellmann and Mary Nurre continually working to boost team spirit. By the end of the 1970-71 season, the team had finished fifth in the Ohio Championships, lost to Kent State in a dual meet, and Kathy Keating had won second and third places in the National Collegiates.

Twenty-six girls turned out for this year's competition, which began with the State Championship on Saturday. Coach Weisenhahn is optimistic about this season, in spite of the absence of Cindy Makin and Mary Hellmann. Kathy Keating is still the driving force behind the swimmers, who include some good freshman and sophomore talent.

Varsity Falls To Dayton; OU Blanks Freshman Team

by TIM TEAHAN

The football team is doing bad. Real bad. They've lost to Villanova 33-27 and, most recently, to Dayton 20-10.

The Musketeers played one of their best games of the season against Villanova. After being behind 27-7, they closed the gap to a respectable 33-27. The Muskies were unable to contain the Wildcat's All-American candidate, Mike Sinai, who caught 12 passes, five of them for touchdowns. For this performance he was named offensive player of the week by the Associated Press wire service.

Xavier dropped another close game last Saturday to Dayton in the Governor's Cup Game.

Dayton scored early in the first period and kept the lead until the final three-and-a-half minutes of the half when quarterback Tim Dydo led the team, with the help of a few Dayton penalties, and scored, thus tying the game 7-7.

Xavier again scored on an eight-yard field goal by senior Ed Huber.

The ensuing kickoff, however, killed the Muskies, as the Flyers' Sonny Allen slipped 97 yards for

a touchdown and an extra point. This dispelled all hopes of a Musketeer lead at halftime.

The Flyers put the game out of reach for Xavier in the last quarter, ending up with twenty to Xavier's ten.

The Muskies now take to the road, playing Bowling Green this weekend and Northern Illinois in DeKalb the following Saturday. They are still looking for their first win after eight starts.

The Freshmen have been faring as bad as the Varsity, losing 40-7 to Miami and 43-0 to Ohio University.

Coach Selcer's emphasis on offensive linemen has shown in these games and has given the frosh quarterbacks plenty of pass protection while also providing plenty of hustle and mobility on runs.

Club Sails To New Heights

This fall, the Musketeer Sailing Team is having the best season of its 20-year history. Under the leadership of sailing Coach Thomas Grogan, the sailors have compiled a 32-7 record in their first four regattas.

The sailors jumped out to a great start by winning their fall opener at Indiana University. The following weekend, Xavier finished a very creditable fourth against 12 of the best schools from the Midwest in the University of Michigan Regatta. Next the Muskie sailors barely missed overall honors at the University of Cincinnati regatta, placing second to Miami by a scant three points. The last weekend of October saw the sailors place fourth against noted competition in the 14-school Ohio State Regatta, where "A" division skipper Paul Siegel finished second for Xavier, one point behind All-American Fritz Hanselman.

Sophomore Paul Siegel has established a scoring percentage of .790, highest ever for a Xavier sailor and one of the best figures in the Midwest. Also having a fine season is racing team captain Denny Nixon, with a .679 scoring percentage.

Coming up this weekend for the Sailing Team at Purdue will be the Area B Eliminations for the Timmie Angsten Regatta. Only twice before has Xavier qualified for the Angsten, which is the unofficial Fall National Championships, once in 1963 and again in 1970. This regatta is annually held on Thanksgiving in Chicago.

About his team's chances of qualifying for the Angsten, Grogan said, "I think our chances are excellent; we have the strongest team ever and we have already beaten four of the five schools competing for the three available berths for the regatta."

Walsh Matches Scheduled For This Weekend

For the fifteenth straight year, Xavier University will host the annual Walsh Rifle Matches named in honor of Nicholas J. Walsh, Jr., a former student and benefactor of the University.

This year's matches, considered to be one of the finest shoulder-to-shoulder matches held in the eastern United States, will include four competitive divisions: Varsity, ROTC, Women, and Scholarship.

Fierce competition is expected this year, as teams from Ohio State, Toledo University, John Carroll University, Eastern Kentucky, William and Mary, Western Kentucky, and Purdue University have already filed applications to compete in the matches.

Murray State will be trying to record its seventh straight win in both the ROTC and Varsity divisions and its fifth straight win in the women's division. The Scholarship division, a new category this year, will record its first champion at the completion of the matches.

The matches, sponsored by the Xavier University ROTC Rifle and Pistol Club, will be held from the 12th through the 14th of November at the Xavier University Rifle Range located on the second floor of the Armory. Matches are open to the public on a first-come, first-served, space-available basis. Seating space in the range area is limited, but a master scoreboard will be available for the public on the Armory floor.



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